



Rapid River News

August 17th, 2015

Tribal Council August 19th meeting! Please note that the August 19th meeting will begin at 1 p.m. instead of the usual start time of 10 a.m. This change is just for this particular meeting and does not affect other meetings.

Waste Water Project Starts! The long anticipated sewer project tying Manistee Township to the tribal Waste Water Utility has begun. A Ground Breaking ceremony was held last Thursday. See page 4 for the press release and page 5 for some photos of the event.

Fall Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings. See page 3 for the full announcement and schedule!

Senator Stabenow/Tribe/AES! Senator Debbie Stabenow was in Manistee last week to present a check to the AES for area manufacturing strategy support. Ogema Romanelli, Planner Steve Parsons and Commerce' Tom St. Dennis were part of the focus group meeting with the senator.



Elders Medicare Outreach Events announced! Elders Medicare Outreach events are going to be held in Manistee and Muskegon. See the full announcement on page 6!

Nookmis Story Hour! Story hour will be every Wednesday in August at noon! See the flyer in previous RRN issues.

Tribal Self Governance! Tribal Historical Preservation Director Jay Sam was asked and has accepted taking on work on our tribal self-governance. He will be attending workshops, seminars and reporting back to the rest of staff.

Commodity Department closed 24-th through 28th! Commodity staff will be attending Midwest Region Conference and Training August 24th -28th return to office Monday August 31st. 2015.

Elders Conference/Xmas Party! The Elders Christmas Party is going to be in the Three Fires Conference Center on December 5th and their Elder Conference is going to be in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) on November 7th and 8th.

Drum Practice! See past issues of the Rapid River for details. Practice is every Tuesday evening from 5:30—7:30 at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center.

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.

Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further Information that you can use.

Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



From the Office of Public Affairs

Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or **Currents** issues)

- **Drum Class!** Drum Class Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at the Community Center.
- **Tribal Council August 19th!** This Tribal Council session will begin at 1 p.m. in the Lodge instead of the normal start time of 10 a.m. This change only affects this meeting!
- **Signatures at Muskegon!** MRG's Donna Halinski is going to at the Muskegon Office on the 21st (lunchtime) to gather more signatures in support of our Muskegon Casino project. They will be used to communicate to the BIA and other agencies the level of support by tribal members for this project.
- **Elders Medicare Outreach** (see page 4!)
 - Muskegon Office (1101 West Hackley) – Friday August 21st 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
 - Manistee at Aki Maadiziwin (2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung) Monday August 24th 10 am to 4 pm
- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations)
 - 2015—Fall meeting, October 10, 2015
 - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Annual Elder Conference** is November 7th & 8th in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) and their Christmas Party December 5th. The party will be in the Three Fires Conference Center.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Fall Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings

October 7-10, 2015

Tribal Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge

Behind Little River Trading Post gas station in Manistee, MI

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day. The Fire will be kept throughout the night.

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



**For information, please call 1-888-723-8288
Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

Major Manistee-Area Utility Project Begins

A major Manistee area collaborative project began today with the ground-breaking for a Waste Water treatment project between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a Native Sovereign Nation and Manistee Township just north of the City of Manistee.

In keeping with environmental responsibility and love of our lands and waters, both which are guiding principles for the tribal nation, the tribal government built a state-of-the-art waste water treatment facility and has expanded its facilities over the last three years. The facility is located upon tribal trust lands.

After successful completion of the facility earlier this year, the tribe has begun partnering with other municipalities to assist them in properly handling waste water and cutting down on pollution of our critical clean water assets. Manistee Township is the first municipal partner.

This afternoon, an official ground-breaking ceremony to begin the project was held near the intersection of US 31 and M 22. This site is near the connection point for the waste lines to be laid going out to the Tribal Utility Plant on Dontz Road. Lines will be laid going South and Southwest along US 31 all the way down to the intersection with M55 allowing for easy tap on by businesses and residents in Manistee Township.

Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli presided over the ceremony and spoke about his pride in the tribal staff and in the collaboration that occurred between the various governments and agencies as they worked through the many issues that had to be addressed in this size of project covering so many jurisdictions.

The project, which began when Robert Memberto (deceased 2014) was Commerce Director for the tribe, is a cooperative effort involving many agencies beyond just the governments of the tribe and township. Robert was key to bringing together agencies such as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; The Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Michigan Department of Transportation; the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alliance for Economic Success. He led them all to be cooperatively involved in ensuring that the project was done properly and that it would guarantee improved service into the future.

Tribal Utility Director Gary Lewis was the leader in creation of the Utility Plant in such a fashion as to be able to offer effective waste treatment services to other communities.

Lewis has been recognized as a leader in this science by the Native American Water Association.

Dennis Bjorkquist, Manistee Township Supervisor said of the agreement, "Manistee Township is privileged to be the first municipal partner which will result in the future economic growth for Manistee Township, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Manistee County."

Following the ground-breaking, the main utility plant was open for tours.



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**LRBOI/Manistee Township
Waste Water Project Ground Breaking**



Officials and Speakers at Event.

From left, Shelly Memberto, Ogema Romanelli, Jeff Dontz, Dennis Bjorkquist, John Dontz, James Goodheart



**Ogema Romanelli
addresses audience**



**DEQ Tribal Liaison
James Goodheart**



Tribal Council

Joe Riley, Jessica Burger, Gary DiPiazza, Speaker Virg Johnson, Marty Wabindato, Ron Wittenberg



Shelly Memberto and John Dontz



**Ogema Romanelli and DEQ
Liaison Goodheart (with Staff)**

Attention Elders! Medicare Outreach Event

Elders need be aware that Medicare open enrollment begins October 15th through December 7th, and during this time enrollees can switch from original Medicare, pick a new Medicare Part D drug plan, or a new Medicare Advantage plan which is managed by private health plans that have contracts with Medicare.

There is help to assist you in navigating through the maze of Medicare information! You are welcome to bring your spouse and a family member or caregiver to this event.

****What you should bring with you:**

- ☐ Medicare card (Red, white, and blue) and their Medicare prescription drug card.
- ☐ Proof of income and assets, to include funds distributed to them by tribal government.
- ☐ List of medications, to include the name of each one, whether it brand or generic, the dosage, and frequency. Also, they need to provide the monthly usage amount of the medication if it is not taken in oral form, such as insulin, nasal sprays, etc.

Outreach assistance is available:

Muskegon Office (1101 West Hackley) – Friday August 21st 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Manistee at Aki Maadiziwin (2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung) – Monday August 24th 10 am to 4 pm

~Refreshments and Lunch will be served at both sites~

****Contract Health Services staff will be available for assistance on both dates.**

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Counselors will be available to assist with:

- ☐ Identify resources for prescription drug assistance
- ☐ Explain Medicare Health Plan Options
- ☐ Understand doctor bills, hospital bills and Medicare Summary Notices,
- ☐ Understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, enrollment, coverage, claims and appeals
- ☐ Enroll in Medicare Savings Programs
- ☐ Review your Medicare supplemental (“Medigap”) insurance needs, compare policies and pursue claims and refunds
- ☐ Explore long term care financing options, including long term care insurance.
- ☐ Identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse.

If you cannot attend on the dates above or have family in need of services, please let them know that they can work with a MMAP counselor by calling 1-800-803-7174 or they may also contact Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Certified MMAP Counselors by calling toll free 888-723-8288 and ask for:

Linda Wissner, Program Specialist - Members Assistance Department

Noelle Cross, Elder Meal Program Administrator - Members Assistance Department

Jason Cross, Case Manager - Family Services Department

Please contact Members Assistance Department if you have any questions at 888-723-8288.



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Tekakwitha: Making Things Right

Patron of our Mother Earth

Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:30 AM—4:30 PM

Cooney Conference Center
611 West North Street • Gaylord, MI



Please join together for a day filled with faith and discovery!

Schedule for the day

- 9:30 AM Registration
- 10:00 AM Opening Prayer: Mr. Tony Davis
- 10:15 AM **Healing the Hurt by Deleta Smith, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa**
- 11:15 AM Break
- 11:30 AM Talking Circles
- Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Steven J. Raica - Lunch follows
- 1:15 PM **Bridging the Gap through Music and Storytelling—Darlene and Terry Wildman (Rainsong)**
- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:30 PM Belonging: Family, Tribe, Church
- 3:00 PM Talking Circles
- 3:45 PM Sending Forth



There is no fee to attend this conference, free will offerings will be accepted. The Native American Apostolate in the Diocese of Gaylord is able to host this event thanks to generous gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and a grant from the USCCB Office of Black and Indian Missions. We do not want to exclude anyone for any reason so if you need assistance getting to and from the conference, or have additional questions/concerns, please contact Sr. Sue Gardner.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please duplicate this form for each registrant. Please print.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL THIS COMPLETED
FORM BY OCTOBER 16, 2015 TO:
**NATIVE AMERICAN CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION**

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
P.O. Box 504
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
or email to:
sgardner@dioceseofgaylord.org
231.271.6651



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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Be sure to check the website at www.lrboi.com for the latest government jobs!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



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(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Wisdom..."With one mind we address our acknowledgement, respect, and gratefulness to the sacred Cycle of Life. We as humans, must remember to be humble and acknowledge the gifts we use so freely in our daily lives."

(Audrey Shenandoah, Onondaga)

The sacred Cycle of Life—the baby, the youth, the adult, the Elder. Let us respect all directions, the four directions of the Grandfathers; let us respect their power. Let us remember we belong to the earth, the earth does not belong to us. Help us to be respectful to all the gifts You have given us. Oh Great Spirit, help me this day to be humble. Let me not attach anything in deed or in my thoughts. Let my thoughts focus on the beauty You have created in all things.

Tribal Court

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	LT	Landlord Tenant
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NA	Neglect Abuse
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	NC	Name Change
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PF	Probate
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DO	Divorce w/o children	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TA	Trust Access
EA	Enrollment Appeal	GR	Employment Matter	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
EB	Election Board Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
		JV	Juvenile		

Monday, August 17, 2015

Chief Appellate Justice

10:30 a.m.	McKinnon v. McKinnon	14231DO Trial
11:30 a.m.	Chandler v. Raspotnik	15005DO Motion Hrg.
02:00 p.m.	LRB v. Smith	15036TM Sentencing Hrg.
02:30 p.m.	LRB v. Stone, L.	14089GC Show Cause/Discovery

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Chief Appellate Justice

01:30 p.m.	In Re: Price	15088AP Scheduling Conf.
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Monday, August 24, 2015

Judge Bailey

09:30 a.m.	LRB v. Metzger, A.	15042TM Show Cause
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Gunderson	14207PF Show Cause
10:30 a.m.	Captain v. Avelar	15074DM Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Closed Hrg.
01:30 p.m.	Doe v. Lakso	14217GC Trial



Departments	Location	Director or main phone numbers
Accounting	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government Center — Main Entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	Justice Center on M22	231.398.3406
Education	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government Center—Lower Level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6843
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	Government Center—North End	231.398.6600
Historic Preservation	Government Center- Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th Street Offices—Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government Center —Main Entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6842